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SENATE BILL 71

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; CLARIFYING THAT MUNICIPALITIES
ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOW INCOME UTILITY
ASSISTANCE ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 27-6-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,
Chapter 290, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-6-13. ADMINISTRATION OF LOW INCOME UTILITY ASSISTANCE
ACT.--

A. As used in the Low Income Utility Assistance
Act:

(1) "department" means the agency of the state
designated by the governor; and

(2) "utility" means a publicly, privately,
municipally or cooperatively owned utility for the rendition of

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1 electric power, gas and other fuels for heating.

2 B. The department [~~is authorized to~~] may determine
3 eligibility, establish payment amounts, make utility assistance
4 payments to or on behalf of eligible recipients and otherwise
5 administer the Low Income Utility Assistance Act.

6 C. The department [~~is also called upon to utilize~~]
7 shall use funds appropriated under the Low Income Utility
8 Assistance Act to the maximum extent to generate available
9 federal and local government funds and to mobilize other
10 resources [~~which~~] that may be applied to the concepts of [~~that~~]
11 the Low Income Utility Assistance Act."

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